strikers to resume work.

WANT AN INQUIRY.

arrived in Washington to-day for the pur

THE STRIKERS' REPLY

To President Corbin-An Important Letter

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 30.—The fol-

owing letter, sent last Wednesday to

atest manifesto, has not been published

Mr. Austin Corbin, President P. & R. Railroad Com-

in every competitive market to which an-

market.
Hoping that this small statement will

Resumes Operations.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 30 .- The Solar Iron

Works, of William Clark & Co., which

have been closed down for several weeks

Tube Works Trouble.

notified of a ten per cent reduction. The

have decided to work until to-morrow, and if the firm inelsts upon forcing the same the men say they will strike.

The employes of the Continental Tube Works are considering a similar resolu-

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30 .- The National Con

vention of Cutters and Trimmers of Cloth-

ing assembled in this city this afternoon

There are delegates present representing 10,000 clothing cutters and trimmers. Nothing was done to-day. To-morrow the convention will form a National Trades District of Knights of Labor.

The First in America.

Discharged Letter Carriers Organizing.

PHILADELPHIA, January 30.—The Exec

Coal Operators to Arrange a Scale,

Some Billiards.

Toledo, Jan. 30 .- The tinners, sheet

The Intelligencer.

Office Nos. 15 and 27 Fourteenth Street. Tax brethren need not fear to come forvard to the Republican club convention is there he too many of them. Wheeling

cat take care of them all. Tes call for the Republican club con ration includes a special invitation to the Republican editors of the State, and the INFLUGENCER hopes they may all respond

ASAT with the whole Internal Revenue athlishment. We can raise all the money on the calendar: reneed from customs duties, combining ereque with protection to American in-

jicians have concluded that it would be made to educate the masses of the South. This is the meaning of their present oppogtion to the Blair educational bill. What will be the response of the people of the

Tax First Regiment responded promptly to the Governor's call and shows how convegient it is to have something of that got on hand. The companies that went to the scene of trouble contain some men who have entelled powder in real war and some young men who would not be behied the veterans if powder burning be necessary. One of these days West Virginia will open her eyes to the propriety of encouraging the military spirit of her

Exce a protective tariff has cheapened erer manufactured article, why does the President desire to let in foreign manufacturers to break down home industries? The dollar spent at home runs a course and comes back to run another. The dolla spent abroad goes to stay. England, for example, does not buy one dollar's worth from us because of anything we bay of her. She sells where she can and bays where she can buy cheapest, This

DENOCRATS ARE SO ANXIOUS for colored men in the North to get offices from the Republican party that they are trying to organize them against the Republican party. Now it happens that in certain Sates of this Union the Democrate have andisputed away in spite of immense colin those States the colored men do not even enjoy their right to vote as they please and have their ballots counted as they are polled. Until the Democratic party rectifies this matter it can't really soure the time to coddle the dear colored

ME, JOSEPH H. CLOSE, of St. Clairsville, ione of the intelligent wool-growers of the country. He has had exceptional advantages for comparative study of the wool question, for he has spent some time the woole of that region are produced The remarks of Mr. Close before the Belmont County Farmers' Institute, publated in another column, are the result of the matured thought of a practical man, and will repay reading.

When Mr. Close says that the wool triff should be up to the prohibitory point, he strikes the nail on the head. The question is whether we shall foster the wool industry of this country or of ome other country. The wool-growers of other countries contribute nothing to the

ls the frozen Northwest are disheartened persons looking for homes in Virginia. Why not in West Virginia which has greater advantages to offer The State of West Virginia has provided

can do the State a great service. Let the Chamber invite the business men of West Virginia, men who have lands to sell, all who are interested in the development o the State, to meet here at an early day to see what measures can be set on foot for attracting attention to West Virginia and inducing immigration. Such a meeting would probably result in a West Virginia development association that could be made of incalculable advantage to the

It is to the interest of our business men to build up the State, and to this end no thing is needed but a systematic and vigorous effort. Now is the accepted time. If we all pull together, regardless of politics and of everything that happened before Noah's flood, we can make something out of these hills and valleys and

Miraculous Escape of Passengers. Bee Line express due here at 4:30 this morning came thundering into the city at the rate of fifty miles an hour and crashed the rate of fitty miles an nonr and crashed into a freight engine standing just east of the depot. The air brakes of the express were sumanageable and the train 'could not be checked. Fire immediately broke out in the palace cars. The city fire department was summoned and did all the partment was summoned and did all the service possible, but they are ruined. The tracks are torn up for rods and the gates that the ink purchased by him did and station house are mashed to the ground. Miraculously no one was hart except the freight engineer, who is severely injured. The tracks will not be in a passable condition for at least ten hours.

Mr. Richardson replied by quoting from a report of the present public printer, tracks are torn up for rods and stating that the ink purchased by him did better work than that used by his predecessor.

Mr. Cannon protested against an assault being made upon a dead man by an official who was assiduously blowing his own hore.

Earthquake Shock on the Coast,

quake shock was felt in this city at seventeen minutes before 1 o'clock this morn ing, which was observed by the majority of the inhabitants. The disturbances appeared to travel from south to north. It and arouse the people. The noise con-tinued seven or eight seconds, and resem-bled a clap of thunder, followed by low rumbling. No damage to property.

Kent died yesterday of paralysis. Mr. Kent was born April 25, 1802, in Dorset, Vermont. He was graduated from Wil-liam College in 1824. In 1856 he came to Chicago and has since been actively en-Raged in missionary work among the rail-100d mass.

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

OME IMPORTANT BUSINESS

ransacted Yesterday-Mr. Evarts to Speal tion to Investigate the Public Printer. A Lively Debate on the Subject,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 .- In the Senat to-day, Mr. Vest, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill removing the political disabilities of Andrew J. Lindsay, of Missouri. Passed.

The following bills were reported from the Committee on Public Lands and placed For the judicial determination of the

rights of the United States in lands granted to Florida for railroad purposes under the act of the 7th of May, 1876; to cancel certain reservations of lands on ac count of live oak on the Southern land district of Louisiana; to establish a public park at Pagoso Spring, Col. : to extend the laws of the United States over certain unorganized territory in the south of

Privileges and Elections, reported a pro-posed Constitutional amendment as to the meeting of Congress, and said he would ask the Senate to-morrow to take it

would ask the Senate to-morrow to take it up and deal with it.

Mr. Sawyer, from the Postoffice Committee, reported back (adversely) the proposition to reduce letter pestage to one cent. He stated in reply to Mr. Peck that the committee had no written report, but it did not think it prudent to attempt to reduce postage at present. The Postoffice Department was still running business, and it was thought better to wait until it was sustaining before any other reduction of postage was attempted. other reduction of postage was attempted.
Mr. Plumb offered a resolution instructing the Postofile Committee to inquire into the causes of the Inefficient mail serrice, especially in the West and South; and presented newspaper extracts and letters to abow the "Democratic" condition of the service in Kansas, the result of a stupid attempt to make a record of economy.

Mr. Frye offered a recolution which was transportation of goods across the boundary line between the United States and Canada, in bond or otherwise. methods are taken to protect the revenue derived from bonded goods passing the frontier both ways, and as to enforcing the second clause of the sixth section of the

second clause of the sixth section of the Inter-State Commerce law.

Mr. Frye also offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to have prepared a statement embracing the following points: The various political organizations of the Dominion of Canada and its several provinces, including New Foundland; the treaties with the United States in regard to the Dominion and its several provinces; the commercial and its several provinces; and its several provinces; the commercial statutes established; the amount and value of commerce and trade between the United States and Canada; the amount and value of the transit rate on goods no subject to duty; the area and population of the Dominion of Canada and its prov-

nces. The resolution was laid over. The Sen-The resolution was init over. The Sen-ate then took up the Blair educational bill and Mr. Morgan addressed the Senate for the third time in opposition to it. He concluded by expressing the hope that he never again should be called upon to speak on the Blair bill.

on the Blair bill.

Mr. Evaristook the floor and announced his intention to speak upon the bill tomorrow. Mr. Edmunds offered a resolution which was adopted, calling on the Commissioners of Agriculture for the reports made by Prof. Swenson on the subject of sucar making. ect of sugar making.

After an executive session the Senate

In the House,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—In the House to-day, on motion of Mr. Hatch, of Missouri, the Senate bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river below St. Charles, Mo. Under the call of States, the following bills and resolutions were introduced an

referred:

By Mr. Oates, of Alabams, to prevent
aliens from pre-empting or entering homesteads, and to provide for leasing grazing ands for periods not exceeding ten years.

Mr. Townsend. of Illinois, to place salt

no machinery for such work, but the paople can provide it for themselves. After
the people make the start no doubt the
State can easily be induced to take it up.
This leads the INTELLIGENCER to cuggest
bow the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce
to do the State of Commerce
of the State of Commerce
of

Mr. Lawler, of Illinois, introduced a bill abolishing the tax on oleomargarine and endeavored to have it referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, but the motion was resisted and defeated by a vote of yeas 62, nays 190. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Speaker pro tam, laid before the House a letter from the Public Printer in response to a resolution calling on him for information as to the discharges made by him. The Public Printer made a statement in regard to these discharges, justices. ment in regard to these discharges, justi-fying and explaining them; defends the administration of his office and emphati-

administration of his office and emphatically denies the charge that the Congressional work of the office is largely in arrears. He calls attention to the fact that during the forty-five days of the Fiftieth Congress, the printing ordered by Congress had increased 46 per cent over that ordered during a similar period of the Forty-ninth Congress, but states that the work has been promptly handled with a working force of 300 lees employes than were on the rolls of the office at the beginning of the Forty-ninth Congress.

Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, regarded the letter as a conclusive and satisfactory reply to every criticism made against the printing office. He praised the reforms

gurated, and as an instance of those re-forms stated that that gentleman bought printer's ink at 24 cents a pound, wherea nis predecessors had paid 60 cents a pound. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, as a friend of

Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, as a friend of the last public printer, inquired whether the inks were of the same quality.

Mr. Richardson replied by quoting from a report of the present public printer, stating that the ink purchased by him did better work than that used by his prede-

Mr. Cutcheon, of Mich., said that he was the author of the resolution to which the letter read was an answer. He had been impelled to draw up the resolution by the story of a soldier who had been discharged with sixty other employes from the printing office in the middle of winter without cause, at a time, too, when the printing ordered by Congress was greatly in ar-

Several Democrats inquired the name of the soldier to whom Mr. Cutcheon re-ferred, but the gentleman declined to re-weal it et present.

Mr. Outcheon said that the Public

THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER REVOKED

Reaching Their Destination-Everything Quiet on the Kentucky Border at Present-Action of the Militia.

rendetta between the Hatfields of Logan county, this State, and the McCoys Pike county, Kentucky, is settled for the present. The agent, whom Governor Wilson sent to Logan county some days since, returned this afternoon, and reported the belligerents on both sides have disbanded and the trouble ended. Gover nor Wilson has countermanded the order calling out the military and ordered the Goff and Auburn Guards, who were en oute for this city for the purpose of going to the frontier, to return to their respec tive homes, Governor Wilson so notified Governor Buckner, of Kentucky.

THE SOLDIER BOYS.

How They Responded Quickly and Cheer-fully to the Governor's Call. The organized companies in the State eserve a great deal of credit for the promptness with which they tendered heir services to the State authorities.

The Kanawha Riflemen and the Auburn Guards and Goff Guards, of Ritchie county, were the first to volunteer. The services of the two latter were immediately accepted. Yesterday the Camden and Clements Guards, of Marion county, telegraphed the Governor that they were at the service of the State. Last night before Col. R. H. Freer, of the First Regiment, received the order countermanding the call, he sent the following dispatch to the INTELLIGENCER: PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Jan. 30.

o the Editor of the Intelligencer. The Goff Guarda with thirty-five mer

and the Auburn Guards with forty men left Pennsborro at 5 P. M. for Parkersburg. The men are in fine condition and have

The Executive Committee was selecte

The Executive Committee was selected as follows: John M. Millan, A. L. Heffner and James A. Bee.
Committee on Property—L. C. Furbee, J. M. Barrack and J. A. Lancaster.
The following delegates were elected: W. H. Hall, Capt. A. A. Prichard, Dr. M. L. Miller, A. J. Hays and A. L. Heffner.
Alternates—J. O. Huey, Hon. J. C. Jones, Dr. W. A. Morgan, Senator J. H. Farbee and W. H. Erwin.
On motion, the Secretary was requested to forward the proceedings to the Wheeling Intelligence and the Fairmont West Virginian for publication.
The club is in a flourishing condition, having a memberahip of 160 and still increasing. If present indications go for anything, you may expect to hear good news from Marion county next fall.

The Sherman Invincibles.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
MARTINEBURG, W. VA., Jan. 30.—The Sherman Invincibles have elected the following delegates and alternates to the following delegates and alternates to the State Convention of Republican Clubs to be held at Wheeling: Delegates—Grant Darby, David McIlhemy, C. A. Miller, George W. Feldt and James H. Smith, Alternates—J. William DeGrange, Law-rence Weaning, John Farin, jr., W. H. H, Flick and Kenzie Creque.

ecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer, WEST UNION, W. VA., Jan. 20.—Pursuthe County Executive Committee, the Repholicans of west Union district met at the court house to-day and organized a club to be known as the Goff Club. Dod-dridge will send her quota to the State Club Lesgue Convention at Wheeling, and you will again hear from her next

Killed by a Fall.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Jan. 30.-Mrs. nighly respected ladies of this city, died o-day from the effects of a fall received aturday. She was rendered unconscious by the fall and never recovered conscious-

HILL AND CLEVELAND.

All Depends on How You Look at It The Factional Fight.

New York, Jan. 30.—Everything seems depend on the point of view from which you look at the recent meeting o

the Democratic State Committee. The Herald says: Davis has fired his first shot from his mbuscade and brought down the great American bird-the goose. It is clear that he got nothing else. He feels very sick

in consequence.

A week ago he was the supposed friend of Cleveland, the trusted champion of the Democracy of the State and a sure candidate for Governor. To-day Governor Hill's real purpose stands revealed. He is no longer the friend of Cleveland. He is distrusted by the Democracy and his chances for renomination are far from

is distructed by the Democracy and his chances for renomination are far from certain. This great change in Hill's proepects was brought to light in the confessed attempt he made to capture the State Committee last Thursday.

The World, which is generally supposed to look at the Governor with friendly eyes, says: Since the little akirmish last Thursday between the admirers of President Cleveland and Governor Hill for the capture of a National committeeman to succeed Hubert O. Thompson, Republican newspapers and Mugwump sheets more especially, have devoted columns to heartrending tales as to how the Governor was set upon undermining Mr. Governor was set upon undermining Mr Oleveland. By the friends of both gentle men these stories are regarded as the sheerest nonsense, and friends here of both have not hesitated to denounce them as such. A former State official, who was a member of Mr. Cleveland's staff when a member of Mr. Cleveland's staff when he was Governor, and has been and is now on terms of intimacy with the Freeident, laughed at the idea that relations between Mr. Cleveland and the Governor are at all strained. "I believe," said he to the World correspondent, "that a singer friendable perists between the Freeident and Governor Hill. All reports to the contrary emanate, in my opinion, from those who would like nothing better than to provoke a factional fight in the Democratic party."

Insulted a Widow PALESTINE, TEX., Jan. 30.-Col. T. J.

Williams, a prominent lawyer of this city, was shot and killed yesterday morning by

George D. Hunter, son of a widow whon Williams had insulted. Williams was or

horseback when he was shot. He came to Palestine sixteen years ago from Missis-sippi. Young Hunter surrendered him-self. He is upheld by the community.

DISGUSTED SETTLERS

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 30 .- "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," remarked a Virginia legislator when he heard a re port of the State Commissioner of Agri culture read in the General Assembly or Saturday. The latter official who suc ceeded to his office on the first of the present month, says that since then he has read a large number of letters from people outside of Virginia making inquiries for homes here. The letters come especially from the great northwestern section of the Union, where an icy-blizard has recently played such sad havoo. Most of them sak for reports, maps and statistical information in regard to agricultural, Industrial, manufacturing and mining interests of Virginia. The Commissioner adds: These inquiries come from American-born citisens of the now frozen Northwest, men with means and families seeking homes singly and in companies, and being satisfied that the vicineitudes of climats in the Northwest will drive and is driving the better part of the population of that section South, and that this class of settlers is greatly needed in Virginia. I make this report that your body may take any action you deem proper in the premises. ceeded to his office on the first of the

roper in the premises.

The report was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and it is believed, If the advantages of the State can be fairly dvertised, that immigration will not only be attracted from the Northwest, but car e diverted here from Europe

THE BLOCKADE LIFTED.

Travel Besumed on Eastern Boads-Car-Loads of Cattle Frozen, New York, Jan. 30.—The fury of the forms which began Thursday and swept the railroads of northern and eastern New York with snow was not spent until Satardsv afternoon, but the railroads, up to ardsy afternoon, but the ready, be-that time, completely at their mercy, bewhich has ended in a complete victory. Unless more snow falls to-day the blockde of New York by snow may be said to

The New York Central & Hudson River

The New York Central & Hudson River road, as soon as the snow had ceased falling and the wind had stopped blowing Saturday afternoon, ordered out an army of laborers to clear the tracks, and soon the road between New York and Albany was literally lined with mes, while the huge snow plows went plunging through the drifts in some places higher than the eaves of the car.

Passengers who arrived Saturday night at 12 o'clock by the "Vestibule Limited" from Chicago—and they did fically arrive at the Grand Central Station, though they were five hours late—tell graphic and thrilling stories of the appearance of the tracks between Albany and this city. In some places they said it was like passing through a marble-lined tunnel, the snow being piled so high that the view out of the car windows was obstracted.

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the car windows was obstracted.
A Rochester dispatch says: An idea of
the fary of the three days' blizzard was
obtained yesterday. On the New York
Central road, between Buffale and Syracuse, there were several live stock trains
when the storm came on. An effort was
made to run them to points where the
stock could be sheltered, but in spite of all
efforts nearly fifteen carloads of cattle and
hogs, destined for Boston and New York,
were frozens to death near Palmyre, and
several carloads at other points. Reports
from ten railways in this locality show
that all were in operation to-day. Snow
plows were running all day yesterday on
the various lines. The storm has entirely
subsided.

Winnipho, Jan. 30 .- No through trains have arrived here over the Canadian Pacific since Wednesday. A train load of passengers is said to be blockaded in the middle of the mountains, and fears are entertained for their safety as their supply

TORTURED BY ROBBERS.

Band of Masked Men. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Jan. 30.—In the Cimishi Mountains, Indian Territory, early on Saturday morning, five masked men called at the house of Reuben Williamson, a wealthy cattle owner, living about six miles from Spring Station, and called him out. He was then seized and

The party then entered the house and, arousing Mrs. Williamson, demanded to be shown where the money was concealed. Williamson had early in the week returned from Kansas City, where he had sold about \$10,000 worth of stock and the cash was supposed to be in the house. Falling in their efforts to get either Wiliamson or his wife to tell where their noney was, they tied Mrs. Williamson in money was, toey teed are, williamson in a chair, removed the gags from the mouths of both the prisoners, took her husband, and after building up a fire in the stove, held his bare hands on the heated metal.

neated metal.

After her husband was rendered un-conscious Mrs. Williamson told the out-aws that all the money but \$500 had been ieposited in the Merchants' Bank of Kanlaws, who have taken refuge in the moun-tain. It is hardly likely they will escape, and if captured they will certainly be

IN "HIGH LIFE."

nai Charges in the Notorious Cart CHICAGO, Jan. 30 .- Very sensational indeed was the main charge preferred by Leelie A. Carter in the cross bill filed today in the divorce proceedings pending between himself and his wife, Caroline Louise Carter. The Carter divorce case has already acquired a widespread nohas already acquired a widespread no-toriety, partly from the high standing of the delendant in society and at the bar of Ohicago, and partly from the peculiarly bratal nature of the offenses charged by the complainant in her bill. But an additional piquancy has been given the esse by the charge made in the cross bill to-day that the fair defendant has been gulty of adultery with Kyrle Bellow, the well known English actor, who is at pres-ent playing in New York,

Mrs. Dinsmore Acquitted. PITTEBURGH, PA., Jan. 30 .- A Franklin Pa., special says: Mrs. Ella Dinsmore who has been on trial since last Thursday for complicity with David L. King in the murder of J. C. Davis, a Clarion county oil operator, was this evening found not

GREAT DESTRUCTION.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR FIRE

on Broadway-One of the Largest Conflagrations for Years-A Fireman Killed-Names of the Losers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30 .- One of the largest fires that has occurred in this city for years broke out in the store of Henry Rogers & Co., at 549 Broadway about five It extended and destroyed the five ad

joining stores. "Three sixes" was sounded, and all the engines below Forty-second treat responded. At 7:15, just one and a half hours after

the first engine arrived, the building was totally gutted and the flames were mount-

totally gutted and the flames were mounting high above the roof. Next, flames were seen to issue from 553 Broadway. They first made their appearance on the fifth floor and spread rapidly.

A few minutes afterwards a terrific explosion occurred, followed by a shower of bricks and iron which fell into the street. Assistant Foreman Reilly was caught under the bulk of this failing debris and fatally hurt; both legs were crushed and a leaso austained internal injuries. Uhief Shay had a narrow escape. A piece of Shay had a narrow escape. A piece of iron weighing at least 150 pounds fell at his feet. Several chiefs of battalions who were standing around him also had narrow escapes from falling missiles. A number of firemen, however, received trifling injuries. The explosion sent sparks high in the air and they fell in showers on the in the air and they fell in showers on the adjoining property, while the flames burned fiercer than bafore. Soon No. 547 began to burn. At eight o'clock this building was a mass of flames Irom cellar to roof and the upper floors of No. 545 were burning, but the flames had been checked at 553, and in the rear of the burning buildings which are numbered 116, 118, 120, 122 and 124 Mercer street, the flames were kept from spreading to the buildings on the opposite side of the street. The interior of the double building No. 549 and 551 Broadway was like a glowing furnace and the iron front had bulged dreadfully. The firemen were ordered to

dreadfally. The firemen were ordered to clear, and a few moments later the entire front came down with a crash. Fireman Sheridan jumped from the burning roof to an adjo o an adjoining one, and parts of the wal umbled on him. He will probably die tumbled on him. He will probably die. From this point on the firemen slowly but surely gained on the flames, and at 8 o'clock the fire was fully under control. The property destroyed occupies the west side of Broadway, between Prince and Spring streets, and extends through to Mercer street.

The fire insurance adjusters estimate the loss at \$1,500,000, but it may exceed that amount. Fireman Reilly died at noon from his injuries.

The buildings destroyed were valued at \$500,000, and on these the insurance is comparatively small. The damage to stock is now estimated at \$1,500,000. The insurances foot up quite that amount, and

insurances foot up quite that amount, and are distributed among nearly all the do

are distributed among nearly all the do-mestic and foreign insurance companies doing business in New York in sums ranging from \$1,200 to \$10,000. A later estimate by the insurance ad-justers places the total loss at fully \$2,000,-000. The following is a list of individual losses so far as ascertained: Nos. 545 Broadway and 116 Mercer street, Stern, Falls 4.0. algebias \$23,000. Way Very, your employes attempted to debar you of these, your just rights, that you allowed Mr. I. A. Sweigrad to enforce this strike, you have been fearfully mialed. * If this is the culy question of difference you have against them the great strike will come to an end in less than thirty minntes, providing you grant to your employes the following: First, that they have the right to organize; Second, that when difficulties arise between the company and the employes these questions shall be settled by arbitration. These conditions of the employes will not interfere with the management of the road, nor shut the Coal and Iron Company out of any market. Broadway and 116 Mercer street, Stern, Falk & Go, clothing, \$30,000; Max Kaemper, lininea. \$440,000; P. K. Wilson & Son, laces. \$59,000; Robertson & Kaufman, trimmings, \$30,000. Nos. 547 groadway way and 118 Mercer street, F. Bianchi
Co., flowers, etc., \$250,000; H. B. & F. Stern, \$250,000. Nos. 549 and \$51 Broadway and Nos. 120, 122 and 124 Mercer street, Charles A. Yost & Co., clothing, \$200,000; Veith & Son, millinery, \$100,000; H. R. Rgers, fancy goods, \$150,000; Malcomson & Co., clothing, \$200,000; James L. Luby & Co., \$20,000. Nos. 553 Broadway and 126 Mercer street, L. Metzger, way and 128 Mercer street, L. Melzger, fancy goods, \$100,000; Mitchell & Pecard, \$20,000; No. 555 Broadway, Jerowski & Ernst, \$20,000; Schwab & Son, laces, \$50,000; Buttern Co., \$10,000; Samuel Lawenstein, \$10,000; R. Ieaac & Bro.,

Lawenstein, \$10,000; K. Ieasc & Bro. \$5,000.
A report is in circulation that ten fremen were killed and injured by the falling walls, and that there are several civilians buried in the ruins. Inquiry among the fremen and police authorities fails to confirm the report.

PITTSBURGH'S FIRES.

cions of Incendiarism-A Police Offi PITTSBTRGH, PA., Jan. 30 .- A good deal of slarm has been occasioned by the fre quency of mysterious and dissatrous fires in the centre of the city, and a thorough

on duty last evening, Lieutenant Dunca got the officers in line and delivered him got the following pertinent remarks: "You are all aware that during the las "You are all aware that during the last few weeks we have had an ununal number of very disastrous fires. There is something extremely mysterious about them all, both as to their origin, time of occurrence and in attendant circumstances. Now, I want you one and all to pay less attention to cases of drunks and disorderlies, and see it you cannot get hold of something that will lead to a solution of these big confiagrations. I do not say that you are not attentive to

not say that you are not attentive to duty, but I want you to be on the aleri

every moment, to see if you can not ferret out the causes of these They are entirely too comthe city, and something must be done."
The incendiary theory, however, is not generally entertained by the authorities and insurance men. They attribute a majority of the fires to careleseness in the use of natural gas. During extreme cold spells many consumers turn on a full head of gas and allow it to remain at a high pressure for three or four days at a time. The result is the wood work and joists become overheated and ignite. the city, and something must be done. ron and metal workers of the United States have formed a fraternal labor union

A Flour Mill Destroyed. ROCK ISLAND, ILL., Jan. 30 .- The John on flour mills at Milan were destroyed by fire yesterday. The mills, which had here yesterday. The mills, which had been in operation for almost forty years, were supposed to be fired by an incendiary. Loss \$40,000; no insurance. Mr. Fitspatrick, who has been operating the mills for several years, loses \$4,500 in stored grain, on which there was an insurance of \$2,500.

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE. Strikers Refused Credit at the Store Business Disasters Threatened.
Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 30.—The small

raders and merchants have been put to many curious devices to avoid giving further credit to strikers. Such wholesale merchants as are located here are given small orders, principally in the way of meats, but are told not to ship it. The mer mests, but are told not to ship it. The merichants themselves send a horse and sleigh jit to fetch it, generally under the cover of inight, and take it in through the back entrances and keep it in cellars and back crooms. When strikers come in to buy on credit the dealer stretches his conscious sufficiently to say he has not the required article. A cash customer can get it, but it must be done on the quiet and is delivered at the house, as it is brought from the wholesalers. Should it become known that these little deceits are being practiced, the dealers will be boycotted, but even that would not be so unmixed as an evil

ON THE PRUSSIAN FRONTIER.

an Soldiers Wound a German Guard

for the Coar-The Crown Prince's Throat-Other Foreign News,

Bestin, Jan. 30.-While several Russian soldiers were fishing in a stream near Davis, John L. Lee and H. McGarvay, a committee representing the striking operathe Prussian border yesterday they crossed the frontier. On being ordered to reives and miners of the Philadelphia & gross the line by two Penssian con d'armes Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroad they refused to do so, and fired at the Companies and the Philadelphia Prussians, wounding one of them slightly. & Reading Coal and Iron Company, The Russians seized the wounded man, but when his companions tried to rescue him they released him and arrested the with him.

Galician papers confirm the reports of ontinued movements of Russian troops toward the Austrian frontier.

Whenear, The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co., the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co., the Lebigh Valley Railroad Co., and other corporations, have unlawfully compired with individuals to raise the price of coal to an unreasonable figure, and for this purpose have by enforcing a lockout in the entire Lebigh and Schuykill anthracite coal system, prevented the mining and shipping of coal from these systems to any part of the United States, we, the undersigned, respectfully sak Congress to appoint a special committee of the House of Representatives to investigate the cause of said lockout as promptly as the same can be done. Advices from St. Petersburg state that an army officer, who had been shot in the region of the heart, was taken to a hospital, where the doctors declared that his wound was mortal. The officer thereupon admitted that he had shot himself to avoid the presented of shotting the Cay. He undertake to assassingte the Czar, and the

LONDON, Jan. 30 -- Ray, Chas H. Spnr

The committee, who ciaim to represent \$2,000 workingmen, say that the object of this petition is to have an investigation that will go to the bottom of the pool which they assert has been formed for the purpose of controlling the price of coal.

They declare that the companies are naving large dividends on fictitious valgeon, in a letter to the Baptist Union, says They declare that the compasies are paying large dividends on fictitions values in the shape of bonded indebtedness and are reaping a revenue from the anthractic coal fields to which they are in no way entitled. Such an investigation as that for which they sak, will, they think, elicit information that will lead to the enactment of laws to prevent these unjust exections and thus reevery Union, unless it is fiction, must be based upon certain principles. ues in the shape of bonded indebtedness and are reaping a revenue from the anthractic coal fields to which they are in no way entitled. Such an investigation as that for which they ask, will, they think, elicit information that will lead to the enactment of laws to prevent these unjust exactions and thus remove the cause of the strike.

The Porte Orders an Inquiry. PARIS, Jan. 30 .- Le Paris states that the Porte has ordered an immediate inquiry into the action of the Turkish soldiers a lowing letter, sent last Wednesday to Damascus, who entered the French con-President Corbin by the Central City sulate and seized an Algerian under Committee of the Strikers in reply to his French protection. The paper also says the French naval division at Simpona will proceed to Byreuth to protect French subjects from a threatened outbreak of Moslems, among whom there is much ex-

Cardinal Gibbons and Henry George. LONDON, January 30 .- The Chronicle's prespondent at Paris says that Cardinal Gibbons has written another letter urging

are acceptable to your striking employes, and if it was because you thought that your employes attempted to debar you of O'Brien Leaves Ireland.

health.
Father Stevens, of Falcaragh, County
Donegal, has been arrested at Donfanaghy,
in the same county, under the Coercion

Paris, Jan. 30.- A German named Brandt, alleged to be a spy, forced his way nto the office of the newspaper La France

Rose, Jan. 30.—The Cabinet Council has decided not to renew the commercial treaty of 1881 with France, but will make

Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, is contemplating PITTSBURGH, Jan. 30.—The employes of the Pittsburgh Tube Works have been steps to prevent her doing so.

The tumor inflammation was reduced and no signs of cancer were found.

Italian Village Destroyed by Fire. London, Jan. 30 .- The village of Aisone Italy, has been almost wholly destroyed by fire. Two persons were killed and many injured. The inhabitants are des

THE BOY PIANIST. It is Charged that He is Overworked—The

New York, Jan. 30.-Mayor Hewitt aid yesterday that in consequence of a letter addressed to him by Mr. Gerry, o the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty o Children, in regard to young Joseph Hofman, the eleven-year-old planist, he had requested Mr. Abbyy to bring the boy to his office at Mr. Abbey's earliest convenience. Mr. Gerry said last night: "I was informed by a reputable physician that he had detected in the boy's face sons whom I know to be trustworthy tell me that Hofman's nervous system and general health are already impaired by overwork. In view of these facts it was the duty of the society to bring the case before the Mayor. The decision of the matter rests, of course, with the Mayor alone. The case is similar to that of young Theodore Decosta who had a natural soprano voice, which bade fair to rival Patits. But the girl was worked to death while a mere child in spite of the efforts of the society and now, at 16, her voice is quite gone." roles is quite gons

FARGUS FALLS, MINN., Jan. 30 .- John

MILWAUEEE, Jan. 30 .- In a game with Eugene Carter at Callahan's hall ta-night, Jacob Schaefer broke the record in 14-inch balk line billiards with in 14-inch balk line billiards with a run of 284 He ran out the game will wilkins is a son of a director of the Standorf three hundred points with 252 but kept on and only at the 285th shot was recently discovered that he had mardid he fall to count. In his last game with Vignaux in New York he made 230 dring the last year and was living with at this style of billiards, which was the best record up to to-night, all of them at the same time. For months his "many wives" such rested and trusted in his supposed undivided love. His career was cut short, however, by the discovery of his crimes last week, since which time detectives have been searching for his many contractions.

as to be beaten out of house and home by hungry strikers, as was the case in 1876. Numberless instances of financial wrecks growing out of that long and disastrous struggle between the miners and the operators still abound here in Pottsville, and are pointed out now by those who are engaged in business and have urged the THE OPENING FIRE

and Capture Another-A Narrow Escape

The Bending Operatives Petition Congress for an Investigation. Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—John H.

pose of urging Oongrees to take action with reference to the Baading troubles. They will present to the House to-morrow the tollowing petition.

WHENEAS, The Philadelphia & Basding Political Co. Political Co. Political Co.

choice had fallen upon him. Several persons in the hospital who overheard part of the confession were immediately arrested. Two physicians who were present on duty were liberated. The full confession of the officer was taken in writing by the authorities.

the Vatican not to condemn Henry George's writings, on the ground that George only follows the theories of Spencer and Mill, and it is better to allow false theories to die a natural death than to fan them by giving them artificial importance.

Dunlin, Jan. 30 -Mr. William O'Brien as left Ireland for the South of Europe, where he will endeavor to recuperate hi

to-day and tried to shoot Editor M. Nicole, He was seized and disarmed after a struggle, He stated to the police that his object was to aveoge the attacks which La France made upon Germany. redound to the good of all concerned, I am,
Yours respectfully,
[Signed] JOSEPH T. COGHLAN,
In behalf of the employes.

new and conciliatory proposals to France upon which a treaty can be based. If France should reject Italy's offers negotia tions will be brought to an end. on account of trouble with the Amalgamated Association in regard to the "Two Job System," will resume operations in all departments to-night. A conference was held this morning and a compromise effected. About 800 men are employed at the works. Turkey Spoils Ferdinand's Plans LONDON, Jan. 30 .- It is rumored that Princess Clementine, mother of Prince

> San Remo, Jan. 30 .- Dr. Mackenzie nade another examination of Crown Prince Frederick William's throat to-day

the first in America. They will meet in Peoria, January 19, 1889, for their next utive Committee of the discharged letter ntive Committee of the discharged letter carriers of this city held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the office of Lawyer Tobin, to arrange for the meeting of the letter carriers to be held to-morrow evening in the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of organization. A form of memorial, to be presented to the United States Senate, reciting violations of the Civil Service law was adopted. Notices inviting all disphayed latter carriers to attend the meet charged letter carriers to attend the meet ing, bringing their notices of removal, have been sent to all the carriers within the reach of the committee. mittee of the railroad coal operators of the Pittsburgh district, will hold a meeting to-morrow to make final arrangements for the joint conference of miners and operators, who meet in this city on Friday

SIX WIVES LIVING. A Polygamous Son of a Standard Oil Di

Wilkins, and one of his six wives, were arrested at Scambler Sunday and arrived here this morning from Pekican Rapids enroute to St. Paul in charge of detectives.

PALMER's Skin-Success positively cures Skin Diseases. "S-S" scap and cintment cleanse and heal. At drug store of Mc-Lain Bros.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24, 1852. WHEELING, WEST VA., TUESDAY MORNING. JANUARY 31, 1888.

might put a climax to the proceedings of the House in refusing to investigate the claims of a workingman who was contesting a seat in the House.

Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, declared his utter disbelled in the statement of the Public Printer that there were more Union soldiers employed at the printing office to-day than had ever been employed at any previous period. He denounced the statement as false.

After further debate Mr. Cutcheon offered a resolution for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the present administration of the Printing office.

Mr. Springer, of Illinois, offered as a substitue a resolution instructing the

abstitue a resolution instructing the committee on Printing, with the addition Committee on Printing, with the addition of two members, one from each side of the house, to investigate the administration of the Printing office during the incumbency of the present Pablic Printer and that of his predecessor. Agreed to,

Mr. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, introduced and had referred to the Ways and Means Committee, the Hewitt administrative tariff bill.

The House then adjourned.

THE COMPANY WON. An Important Decision Involving the Lis bility of Telegraph Companies.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Among

the decisions rendered by the Suprem Court of the United States to-day was one involving the question of the responsibility of a telegraph company for neglect The case in which this question arises is that of the Western Union Telegraph Company against George F. Hall, brought here by a writ of error from the United States Circuit Court for the Southern Dis-trict of Lowa.

States Circuit Court for the Southern District of Lowa.

On November 9, 1882, George F. Hall telegraphed from Des Moines, Iowa, to Charles T. Hall, at Oil City, Pa., an order to buy 10,000 barrels of petroleum if thought safe. Through alleged negligence on the part of the employes of the Western Union Telegraph Company the telegram was not delivered to the addresses until 6 P. M., when the Exchange having closed, it was too late to execute the order.

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At the opening of the Exchange on the preceding day, the price of petroleum had advanced 18 cents a barrel. Hall contends that by reason of the failure of the telegraph company to deliver his message promptly, he lost \$1,800, viz.: the sum he would have made had his order to buy been duly executed and had the oil so bought been sold at the advance of 18 cente on the following day.

This Court in an elaborate opinion by Mr. Justice Matthews holds that the only theory on which the plaintif could show actual damage or loss is on the supposition that if he had bought on November 0 he might and would have sold on the 10th. It is clear, however, that in point of fact he has not suffered any sectual loss. No transactions was in fact made, and there

sequence of it, which could not be set down in a profit and loss account.

If the order had been promptly delivered on the day it was sent and had been excented on that day, it is not found that Hall would have sold the next day at the advance, nor that he could have resold at a profit at any subsequent day. The only damage for which he is entitled to recover is the cost of transmitting the delayed message. The judgment is reversed and the cause remanded with directions to enter a judgment for that sum merely.

being neither a purchase nor a sale, there was no actual difference between the sums

paid out and the sums received in con-

ter Flagler, of Charlestown, is here to sr-gue for a correction of postmasters' grievances before the Postoffice committees of Dongress.
Judge Frank A. Guthrie, of the Kanawhs
Judicial Circuit, arrived here from Balti
more to-night, bound homeward.

West Virginians at Washington.

Mr. Wilson's Peculiar Views. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30 .- Congress man Wilson is represented as opposed to free coal and iron, and as having said free wool, free lumber and free salt are as much as West Virginia can stand in the pro-posed tariff deal.

Congressman Hogg's Bills.

ecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 30.—Congress man Hogg to-day introduced bills to move the marine hospital from Gallipolis to

Pt. Pleasant, and appropriate \$50,000 to erect a monument to colonial troops who fell at the battle of Pt. Pleasant in 1774. That Ingall's Letter. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.-Senator Ingalis has a copy of the letter relative to President Cleveland, said to have been written by the Senator to a friend in Kan-sas City, and he was saked if it was gen-une. After glancing at the letter Sena-tor Ingalls replied: "It was written in tor Ingalls replied: "It was written i 1885, within three weeks after the inaugu ration of President Cleveland. While do not recall the letter, or the name of the person to whom it was ad I the person to whom it was ad-ressed, it was apparently written to a ersonal friend, and seems to have been

properly procured and published. The was simply giving my impressions to a iend."
The Senator added: "But I do not think he President has stood the rucket. He

the President has stood the racket. He has failed to improve his opportunity." Terms of Congressmen.
Washington, Jan. 30.—The House Se ect Committee on Election of President. Vice President and Representatives in Vice President and Representatives in Uongress has agreed to report favorably to the House the Crain resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution, substituting the 31st day of December for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of members of the House of Representatives, and providing that Congress shall hold its annual meeting on the first Monday in January.

The New Syndicate Has Been Formed

PITTEBURGH, Jan. 30.—Another meeting of coke operators was held to-day and considerable progress made toward the formation of a new syndicate. H. C. Frick was present, and it was stated that the difference between the Frick Company and the other members of the old syndicate in regard to the amount of money claimed by the former, had been amicably adjusted. The formation of the syndicate now depends on a few outside operators who have not yet agreed to come into the combination. ome into the combination. Late to-night it was learned that at to-

day's conference the coke syndicate was practically formed. J. W. Moore, who represented the outside producers, promsed that they would all come day they will be signed. The effect of the new syndicate will be to sustain prices, control production and make wages uniform. The name of the organi-sation will be the Pittsburgh and Con-nellsville Coal and Coke Exchange.

A Brutal Husband,

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Julia Kenney was severely besten by her drunk-en husband Saturday night and this morning she died. Kenney has been ar-rested.

THE WAR IS OVER.